

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Douglas Holtz on 3/17/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

a. On page 45 of the Specification, line 5, after the word "micro reactors 20", inserted the following: ---(wherein each micro reactor 20 in Fig. 9 includes a first substrate 21, a second substrate 22, and a flow path 23). In the adsorption component supports 71---.

b. On page 45 of the Specification, line 5, deleted "in which".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The reformer as claimed in claim 1 combined with having an adsorption means for adsorbing a medium which is present inside the container and wherein said adsorbent is apart from the inlet pipe, the outlet pipe and from the micro reactor, the combination is missing from the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAITY V. HANDAL whose telephone number is (571)272-8520. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexa Neckel can be reached on (571) 272-1446. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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